

Mr. Dominguez was an employee of the Swiss-American Cable Way Co., which has contract for excavation for a restaurant and dance hall at the top of the falls.

Horrified witnesses saw the caterpillar tractor hurtle downward from the rim to a point below the falls, some 1600 feet[500 meters?] from the rim. Five men were working with him on the rim at the time. The area of operation is about 25 by 40 feet[8 by 12 meters].

Things shut down for awhile, then in the spring and summer of 1963, the dance hall and restaurant were finally finished. Not long after that, Rue Clegg and his wife Margret went to Mexico for a warm vacation. During that trip, Clegg died of a heart attack. Margret then ran the business for two or three years before selling it to Alpine Engineering. Still later, brothers David and Steve Grow bought the company in 1974 and the Grow families have run the operation ever since.

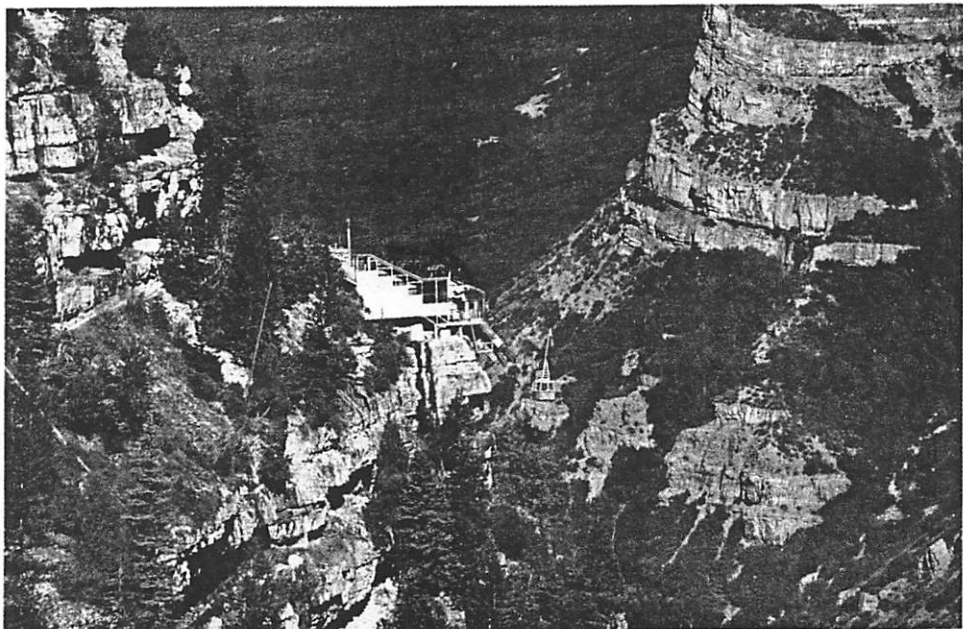
At Bridal Veil Falls Resort today, you will find a gift and curio shop featuring handicrafts by local artisans in the same building as the lower terminal of the Skytram. Nearby are several tables and a snack bar in an old railway caboose, which was built in 1942 and used for over 43 years by the Union Pacific Railroad. There is a large paved parking lot, and a foot bridge you can use to reach the other side of the river. You can take one trail which runs to a small duck and fish pond below the falls, and another trail running about 500 meters to near the base of the falls themselves. All the lower terminal facilities are on private land, but part of the upper lodge and terminal is on Forest Service land.

At the upper terminal called the Rocky Top Lodge, the original full-service restaurant was closed in 1968. However, during the summer season there are still public dances at the upper terminal on Saturday nights. It can also be reserved by various groups for private meetings. There are also two short trails; one heading to an overlook of Utah Valley, the other to the creek and forest to the east of the falls. Both trails have interesting views of the canyon and are worth the time to walk.

The Bridal Veil Falls Resort is open from about May 15 to October 15 each year. Opening and closing dates can change, so you might call ahead at 225-4461, if you want to ride the tram. This world's steepest Skytram does not operate in rainy or windy conditions for safety reasons.

Extending west from the base of the falls on the south side of the Provo River, is a very long and narrow park. It's called **Bridal Veil Falls Park**. It's about half a km long and ends at the highway where a parking lot is situated. The land is owned by Provo City, but they lease it to Dave Grow and the Scenic Canyon Preservation Society for \$1 a year. The money for improvements and maintenance has been provided by a Provo River Trail Committee and the Bridal Veil Falls Resort Company.

About a km above Bridal Veil Falls and right where the small stream from **Upper Falls** comes down to the Provo River, is where Lyman L. Donnan set up a homestead late in the 1800's, probably in



The top of the Skytram with the lower slopes of Timp on the right in background.